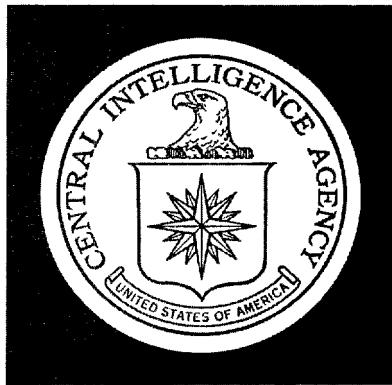


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*Greece: Athens is still under strict military control and its surface calm continues.

King Constantine issued a guarded statement after his meeting with the new cabinet yesterday. The King--who has been treading carefully with the coup leaders--expressed his dissatisfaction with recent events as well as his hope that the country could soon return to parliamentary government.

A statement by Premier Kollias described a "revolution" which had been prepared against Greece's established institutions and said that the coup action would be understood when details of the plan are made public. In an earlier meeting with Ambassador Talbot, Kollias defended the use of US equipment in the military take-over, explaining that the coup was necessary to protect the country from Communism.

There were reports yesterday that the military government was in danger of imminent collapse and that some move might be made to bring into the regime moderate elements which would be more acceptable to the King and the former political establishment. 25X1

According to press sources, Andreas Papandreou--still in custody--yesterday was charged with high treason for his role in the Aspida affair and ordered to appear before a magistrate within 48 hours.

The roundup of Communists and Papandreou supporters continues--as many as 7,000 may now be under arrest. There has been some evidence of Communist resistance to the coup, but 25X1

the extreme left is stunned and disorganized.

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On Cyprus, Greek and Cypriot military elements are still on alert, but there is no firm evidence of action aimed at the island. [redacted] the new Greek underminister of defense may have gone to Cyprus to make contact with Greek and Cypriot officials. King Constantine earlier told Ambassador Talbot that General Grivas, who may be fretting about his future, had offered his services to the King, even to the extent of breaking with the Greek Army. [redacted]

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Cambodia: Sihanouk appears to be planning a new crackdown on Cambodian leftists in Phnom Penh.

In a "special message" to the nation on 22 April he reported that Prime Minister Lon Nol and the army had charged five leading leftists, including three deputies in the National Assembly, with direct complicity in the recent Communist dissident activity in western Cambodia. He asserted that a military tribunal would be convened to deal with the charges.

Sihanouk's decision to permit a public airing of the charges is another indication of his concern over what he apparently regards as a serious Communist-inspired rebellion in the countryside. It is not yet certain, however, that he will permit the tribunal to recommend harsh punishment. He has already indicated that Chau Seng, the most prominent of those indicted, will probably get off lightly.

Although Sihanouk has claimed that Cambodia's internal problems will not affect its foreign policy, his recent speeches have contained allusions to Vietnamese Communist "masters" and references to his fight against the Viet Minh in 1954. A government statement on 19 April reasserted Cambodia's "neutrality" and referred to the possibility of a deterioration in relations with "certain socialist countries."

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